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SUBJECT: ANTI-JORDANIAN ASPECT OF RECENT HEBRON DEMONSTRATIONS

REFS: JERUSALEM 1291, 1252; AMMAN 4962 (NOTAL)

1. RELIABLE SOURCE HAS PROVIDED FURTHER DETAILS ON SEPT 16 DEMONSTRATION IN HEBRON. DEMONSTRATION WAS APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO BE ANTI-JORDANIAN AND TO COMMEMORATE "BLACK SEPTEMBER" REPRESSION OF PALESTINIANS BY HKJ. ANTI-JORDANIAN SLOGANS WERE PAINTED ON WALLS (SAMPLE: "DEATH TO JORDANIAN COLLABORATORS.").
2. DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTED DENUNCIATIONS OF HKJ. AS OFTENTIME HAPPENS, ORIGINAL MOTIVATION BECAME SOMEWHAT BLURRED WHEN ANTI-ISRAELI SLOGANS WERE ADDED AS DEMONSTRATION PROGRESSED.
3. WE ALSO HAVE RELIABLE REPORTS OF RECENT CIRCULATION IN HEBRON OF A PAMPHLET DENOUNCING COLLABORATORS WITH JORDAN. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONING

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MAYOR QAWASMI BY NAME, COMING AFTER HIS WIDELY

PUBLICIZED TRIP TO AMMAN AND MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN,
TRACT IS SEEN AS ATTACK ON MAYOR.

4. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS EXACT
SIGNIFICANCE OF FOREGOING. NO DOUBT PLO FIREBRANDS,
SMARTING OVER PLO REVERSALS IN LEBANON, SAW OPPORTUNITY
TO WHIP UP SYMPATHY BY COMMEMORATING ANNIVERSARY OF
"BLACK SEPTEMBER". ON OTHER HAND, LOCAL ENEMIES OF
NEW MAYOR, PERHAPS INCLUDING LONGTIME FORMER MAYOR
SHEIKH JA'ABARI, MAY HAVE INSTIGATED PAMPHLET. IT
MAY BE THAT FEAR OF A POSSIBLE HUSSEIN-ASAD DEAL WITH
ISRAEL AT WEST BANKERS' EXPENSE COULD ALSO HAVE
INFLUENCED CHARACTER OF THIS PARTICULAR DEMONSTRATIONS.
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